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Tank Improvement Works

* 237 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tank improvement works taken up in 1957-58;

(b) the number of acres of land benefited by them; and

(c) the number of cases in which the Government have levied betterment fees on the lands benefited by these works?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 925.

(b) 32,752.

(c) No betterment fee has been levied during the year 1957-58.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Government consider the desirability of undertaking a comprehensive scheme in order to reclaim some of the tanks in each district which are under disrepair and disuse?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the Government are taking up this scheme in as comprehensive a manner as possible.

Pedigree Bulls

* 238 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any high class pedigree bulls of the Frisian or Holstein type are maintained in any of the dairy forms and

(b) if so, where and how many?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

" Family Welfare Scheme "

* 239 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House " Family Welfare Scheme " recommended by the Family Planning Board?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A copy[a] of the Proceedings of the Government No. 1714 Health, dated 26th May 1958 in which " Public Employees Family Welfare Scheme " has been sanctioned in pursuance of the recommendation of the Family Planning Board is placed on the table of the House.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is it a fact that the Union Government have discouraged ' Vasectomy ' and sterilisation of women, as a method of family planning?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : To my knowledge, I do not think they have discouraged it.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 88-98 infra.